



Minutes of MCR General Meeting

19th October 2009, 8:15pm

Purpose of Meeting:	General Discussion
Chair:	Xavier Droux (President)
Scribe:	Glenn Wilkinson (Secretary)

Topics Discussed:

1. President's Welcome

- Xavier welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Xavier thanked volunteers who helped at the Emily Carr party.

2. Report on Progress of past MCR Motions

- It was unanimously agreed that Tim Funnel would step in as ball representative.
- It was noted that Latoya is now the charity representative.

3. Presentation by OUSU President, Mr Stefan Baskerville

- Stefan noted that following items which OUSU does:
 - Landlord accreditation
 - CCTV monitoring on Cowley
 - Common Room Support
 - Representation of grad students at disciplinary hearings
- Latoya questioned their disability policies. Stefan noted Oxford is not 'geared up' for disabled access.
- Tim queried the benefits of being affiliated. The two disadvantages of disaffiliation were:
 - Disaffiliated common rooms have no votes.
 - Disaffiliation causes an overall reduction of quality of service.

4. Finance Report

- George presented figures of our latest transactions.

5. Standing Order regarding the MCR Charity fund

- It was noted that we now have a fixed charity fund, separate to regular MCR funds. The wording for the standing orders was voted in as follows:

Each Ordinary Member of the MCR is batted an amount for the benefit of the "MCR Charity Fund", at the beginning of Michaelmas Term. Members can drop out of the if considering they ask the MCR committee before the set deadline. MCR members are invited to put forward "Charity Motions", by which they propose a charity they think the MCR should support, and indicate the amount they need. Motions can be put forward to the charity rep and/or members of the charity committee or to the MCR committee if the charity rep position is not filled. In the eventuality that all the money raised in a year is not entirely spent, the balance is brought forward at the beginning of the next academic year. Any additional money raised for charity, or donated to the MCR specifically to be used for charity will be added to the "MCR Charity Fund". The "MCR Charity Fund" balance cannot be negative.

6. Election of a Green Rep

- Unanimous vote for Chris Armstrong.

7. Election of a Green Rep

- Unanimous vote for Suzie Varusa.

8. Election of an Academic Rep

- Neither Ruvi nor his seconder (Deran Onay) were present at the meeting.

9. Other Business

- No other business was raised.